

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2013

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on November 13, 2013 at the Escalante Multi-Generational Center, Brio/Bravo Room, 2150 East Orange Street, Tempe, AZ 85283.

Chair Duane welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:34 p.m.

Beth Fiorenza, Executive Director of the Tempe Community Action Agency, welcomed everyone to the facility and described the services provided by the center. She left materials for all in attendance to take with them.

Members Present:

Chair Maureen Duane, Vice Chair Genoveva Acosta-Bueno and Council Members Lyra Contreras, Karen Emery, Beth Haas, Mara de Luca Funke, Zita Johnson, Frank Narducci, and Tina Wilson

Members Absent:

Council Members Trinity Donovan and Kathy Halter

There were 6 members of the public present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2013

Council Member Emery moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 9, 2013. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0, Vice Chair Bueno and Council Member Narducci not yet having arrived.

Call to the Public

None

Regional Transition Plans and Discussion/Possible Action on SFY 2015 East Maricopa Funding Plan

Chair Duane stated that the transition team meeting was held on October 31, 2013 with members of the Central and Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils present, who reviewed the East Maricopa budget at that time. Regional Director Joanne Floth reviewed Attachment 2 and explained why the First Things First Board added 10% to the budget as well as answered questions from the Council members. The carry forward amount has grown over the years. Most grantees have only been spending 90% of the amount that they received. Therefore, the Board allotted an additional 10% of the allocation and added it to the FY15 budget in an effort to spend down those dollars, by the Councils being able to allot more funding to strategies.

Vice Chair Bueno and Council Member Narducci arrived at the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Regional Director Floth reviewed the attachments which included Attachment 2.1 which showed the allocations for both Central and Northeast Maricopa, with the new combined total for the East Maricopa Region for FY15. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the media line item. Discussion also took place about the need to be able to increase funding to Mental Health Consultation should funds become available. Regional Director Floth also reviewed the target service units for the strategies as shown in Attachment 2.2.

Council Member Johnson moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Strategy package for 56 centers, 5 homes, and 13 rating only sites with estimated funding allotments as presented in the Funding Plan document with the estimated amounts included in this motion to be finalized and brought back to the Regional Council at a future meeting. The Quality First package includes Child Care Health Consultation for a budget allotment of \$150,670. Council Member Contreras seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0, with Council Members Funke, Narducci and Wilson abstaining due to conflicts of interest because of employment.

Vice Chair Bueno moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Mental Health Consultation strategy in the amount of \$557,500 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Narducci seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 9-0.

Council Member Haas moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Child Care Scholarship Strategy including an estimate of 682 scholarships for programs enrolled in Quality First and an additional 62 scholarships for 3 – 5 year olds for 3-5 star only centers and 17 additional scholarships for teen parents. The total budget allotment for the strategy is estimated to be \$5,287,164.63. The estimated amounts included in this motion will be finalized and brought back to the Regional Council at a future meeting. Vice Chair Bueno seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0, with Council Members Narducci and Wilson abstaining due to conflicts of interest because of employment.

Council Member Contreras moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Pre-K Mentoring/Transition to Kindergarten Strategy in the amount of \$79,634 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0, with Council Members Haas and Narducci abstaining due to conflicts of interest because of employment.

Council Member Funke moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Scholarships TEACH Strategy in the amount of 75 scholarships for an allotment of \$233,181.82. Council Member Haas seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Emery moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Scholarships non-TEACH strategy in the amount of \$70,000 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Vice Chair Bueno seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Wilson moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Community Based Professional Development strategy in the amount of \$400,000 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Contreras seconded the motion, and it passed 8-0, with Council Member Narducci abstaining due to a conflict of interest because of employment.

Council Member Narducci moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Director Mentoring Training strategy in the amount of \$75,000 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Funke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Johnson moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the FTF Professionals REWARD\$ strategy in the amount of \$200,000 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Narducci seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Vice Chair Bueno moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Home Visitation strategy in the amount of \$765,809 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Haas seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Chair Duane moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Parent Education Community-Based Training strategy in the amount of \$554,413 with the service units as reflected in the Council document and that we pursue a one-year government-to-government agreement with the City of Scottsdale. Vice Chair Bueno seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Haas moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Family Resource Centers strategy in the amount of \$1,510,000 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed 8-0, with Council Member Narducci abstaining due to a conflict of interest because of employment.

Council Member Contreras moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Family Support Children with Special Needs strategy in the amount of \$200,000 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Council Member Emery seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Emery moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Oral Health strategy in the amount of \$488,484 with the service units as reflected in the Council document and that a one-year agreement extension be pursued with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. Council Member Contreras seconded the motion, and it passed 8-0, with Council Member Funke abstaining due to a conflict of interest because of employment.

Council Member Wilson moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Care Coordination/Medical Home strategy in the amount of \$197,000 with the service units as reflected in the Council document. Vice Chair Bueno seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Narducci moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Service Coordination strategy in the amount of \$50,000. Council Member Emery seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Johnson moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Community Awareness strategy in the amount of \$80,000. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Vice Chair Bueno moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Media strategy in the amount of \$160,000. Council Member Contreras seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Haas moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Community Outreach strategy in the amount of \$164,000. Council Member Narducci seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Council Member Funke moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Statewide Evaluation strategy in the amount of \$575,236. Council Member Contreras seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 9-0.

Site Tour Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Conrad Lindo thanked Council Member Wilson for attending the site tour at the Sun Valley Learning Center that morning. Attendees included Tempe Police Chief Tom Ryff and the Getz School principal. Council Member Wilson said that she was very impressed with the program at the center.

Community Outreach Coordinator Lindo stated that a site tour will be held on January 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Summit School of Ahwatukee and asked for Council members to volunteer to attend the tour. He also asked Council members to provide him with names of community members to invite to the tours.

Director Updates

Regional Director Floth stated she met with the needs and assets vendor and has received the base report that combines the two regions.

Regional Director Floth reviewed a handout on Arizona's application for Race to the Top.

Regional Director Floth reminded the Council members that applications for seats for the new East Maricopa region will begin in January and encouraged current present members to apply for the Council as well as to let people know who might be interested in serving on a Regional Council.

Regional Director Floth reviewed the handout on Quality First and the new website.

Regional Director Floth asked if the Council members would like to have a social get-together with the Northeast Maricopa Council members in lieu of a December meeting. Everyone was in agreement that they would like to have the event scheduled so they could get to know the Council members from Northeast Maricopa.

Regional Council Updates

Council Member Narducci expressed his appreciation for the school district bond elections which were passed by the voters. He also stated that the Education Coalition of Chandler, of which the Birth to Five Literacy Group of Chandler is a subgroup, submitted their application to be a Read On community at their = last meeting, with the Chandler City Council signing off as the sponsor for the initiative.

Council Member Wilson reported that she attended the Arizona Town Hall on Early Education at the Grand Canyon. There were 170 participants.

Council Member Johnson was congratulated for receiving the Tempe Community Action Agency Barbara Norton Service Award.

Adjournment

Chair Duane asked for any additional questions or comments from the Council and receiving none, adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Submitted By _____
Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved By _____
Maureen Duane, Chair